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Jena Cuthbert (J. C.) Collier, son of Isaac Cuthbert (I. C.) Collier and Sarah Elizabeth Means Collier

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Jena Cuthbert Collier, merchant, planter, textile manufacturer, industrialist, city councilman, mayor, State Senator. His papers are extensive and will be the subject of several posts. I'll make the introduction with the following note penned by his wife, Jessie Stephens Collier, upon his death, and the newspaper clipping of his obituary.

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Jena Cuthbert Collier

Born Nov. 5th., 1866 - Died June 23rd., 1944
Son of Isaac C. and Sara E. Collier, a direct
descendant of: William Collier - of Stafford
England, Vines Collier, Colonial Soldier of
Virginia, - Robert Collier of Upson County.

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Married Jan. 18th., 1888 to Jessie Stephens,
daughter of Roswell A. and Sara F. Stephens
of Upson County, Ga.

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Possessed of great energy, and ambition with a
forceful personality, achieved Life's Success.

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"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord; for
they rest from their labors, and their works do
follow them.

J. C. COLLIER, A LEADING CITIZEN OF LAMAR, DIES

Was a Former Mayor And Worked for the Creation of the County

Services for Jena Cuthbert Collier, 78, for years a leading citizen of Barnesville, were held Sunday afternoon, 4 o'clock at the home on Thomaston street. Burial was in Greenwood cemetery in the Collier vault. Rev. W. R. Sisson and Rev. Harvey Mitchell officiated in the funeral services.

Mr. Collier died Friday morning at a private hospital in Atlanta after an extended illness. He had seemingly improved when his condition took a rapid turn for the worse.

Mr. Collier was a former Mayor and councilman of Barnesville and served as state senator from the 22nd district from 1925 to 1927. He was a member of the First Methodist Church of Barnesville, the Society of Colonial Wars and Society of Sons of the Revolution.

Born in Pike county, he moved to Barnesville in 1890 and engaged in the mercantile business. He organized the Collier Manufacturing Company and later operated widespread farming interests in the Piedmont section of Lamar county.

In 1898 he was married to Miss Jessie Stephens, who survives him. One son, Durward Cuthbert Collier, and two daughters, Mrs. Junius Cason of Barnesville, and Mrs. J. C. Ruffner of Atlanta, also survive. Grandchildren include: Lt. Jena C. Collier II, now serving in Africa; Miss Virginia Collier, Puerto Rico; Midshipman Robert Cuthbert Collier, U. S. Naval Academy; Miss Evelyn and June Cason, Barnesville, Miss Nancy Ruffner and Steve Ruffner, Atlanta.

Mr. Collier was one of the workers for Lamar County when efforts to get it created were being put forth. He was a civic leader and had many friends who regret his death.

Among those coming here to attend the funeral of Mr. Collier were: Col. and Mrs. L. D. Watson and daughter, Miss Elizabeth Godwin, Gainesville; Mrs. H. L. Flynt, Atlanta; Mrs. Chas. H. Stone, Miss Janet Stone, Macon; Dr. A. R. Franklin, Jackson; Col. and Mrs. Claud Christopher, Griffin; Mr. and Mrs. Luther Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas McKenny, Thomas-ton; Mr. Ben G. McKenny, The Rock; Mrs. E. T. Black, Thomas-ton; Mr. and Mrs. Powell Stevens, The Rock.

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